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CARBURIZATION OF METAL WIRE,
METAL BAND OR METAL PIPE AND
APPARATUS THEREFOR

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 9, 2005, and is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

In order to comply with the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a Form PTO SB/08A, listing the documents (A1, B1, and B2) cited in the attached European Search Report (C1) of European Patent Application No. EP 04 74 6650. The relevance of each document is indicated in the Search Report. Copies of documents B1 and B2, as well as an English-language translations of Japanese Abstracts are also being provided.

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In view of the above, no further statement of relevance need be given and, as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

It is believed that no fee is required for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement; however, if a fee is determined to be due, please charge the amount to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, and advise the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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